

Besides, funds are provided under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS) to the States for socio-economic development. The Central Government has also sanctioned Rs. 2475 crores under the Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) component of the Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana (RSVY) to fill in the critical gaps and physical infrastructure in the naxal affected districts.

Promotion of lottery by States

800. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether various State Governments are promoting lottery in various forms;

(b) if so, the details with annual transaction involved in the system in monetary terms;

(c) whether there was an instance of a lottery show being rigged forcefully;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether a number of families have been ruined on account of such lotteries particularly single digit lotteries;

(f) whether Government are considering either to ban such lotteries and bring about some kind of regulations to govern all types of lotteries and similar forms of games; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such data is maintained centrally.

(c) to (e) The reported malpractices in the conduct of lotteries and its impact on the poorer sections of the society prompted the Government to enact the Lotteries (Regulation) Act, 1998.

(f) to (g) The Lotteries (Prohibition) Bill, 1999 was introduced in Rajya Sabha on 23.12.1999 to completely ban lotteries which has also been considered by the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Ministry of Home Affairs. A decision of such nature is taken by evolving a larger consensus on the issue.